

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A charging member for being contactably disposed to an image bearing member and being supplied with a bias voltage includes a resistance layer having 5 an ionic electrical conductivity. The resistance layer comprises a foamed elastic member and satisfies the following relationships:

$$B \leq (5/3) \times A - 0.3, \text{ and}$$

$$B \geq 0.6,$$

10 wherein A represents a surface bubble-containing density measured, in a state that air bubbles are attached to the surface of said resistance layer, by immersion method according to JIS Z 8807; and B represents a surface bubble-deaerated density 15 measured, in a state that said air bubbles are removed from the surface of said resistance layer, by immersion method according to JIS Z 8807.

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